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**PETITION TO REVIVE ABANDONED
APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.317**

To: Commissioner for Patents
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Arlington, VA 22313-1450

The Applicants in the above-identified patent application hereby petition the Deputy Assistant Commissioner under 37 C.F.R. § 1.317 to revive the abandoned application.

Applicants request revival of the abandoned application due to an error on the part of the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office and Applicants timely filing of an Amendment as stated in the attached Statement to Revive Abandoned Application.

WHEREFORE, Applicants request the Deputy Assistant Commissioner to grant this petition and to revive the abandoned application. If any other issues remain to be resolved, please contact Applicants' attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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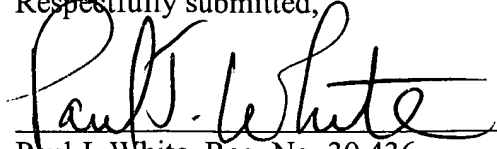
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The Deputy Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of petition fee, as required by 37 C.F.R. 1.316(b); as well as any additional fees associated with this Petition or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 14-0460.

Respectfully submitted,

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STATEMENT TO REVIVE ABANDONED APPLICATION

The Applicants in the above-identified patent application hereby state that an Amendment was submitted timely on October 31, 2003 and the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office lost or misplaced documents sent by Applicants. Applicants state that the Amendment Under 37 CFR § 1.116, Certificate of Mailing Under 37 CFR § 1.8, and a return postcard were timely submitted to the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office by U.S. Postal Services on October 31, 2003. Enclosed are copies of said Amendment, Certificate of Mailing, along with the returned postcard receipt time stamped by the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office on November 03, 2003.

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